

PACCAR Inc.

Law Department

April 21, 1999

99V-087 (91)

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Alcoa Wheel Products Recall

Dear Sir or Madam:

On April 16, 1999, Peterbilt determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the Peterbilt vehicles described below, and is furnishing notification to the NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defects and Noncompliance Reports."

Description of the Defect

Alcoa Wheel Products informed Peterbilt that a defect exists in 19 Peterbilt 984650 24.5 x 8.25 wheels. The affected wheels have improper heat treatment that leads to an out of roundness condition that can lead to separation of the tire from the wheel.

The supplier of the suspect part is:

Alcoa Wheel Products International
Forged Products Division - Alcoa Inc.
Cleveland, Ohio

Identification of Affected Vehicles

The vehicles involved in the subject recall are those with wheels identified by the affected heat lot number K03567 and based upon preliminary information supplied by Alcoa include:

- Peterbilt vehicles which were manufactured between December 15, 1998 and April 16, 1999. Peterbilt is currently reviewing its records to determine the number of vehicles to be recalled in order to capture all of the defective wheels. Alcoa has recovered 8 of the 19 wheels as of April 20, 1999.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

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Description of Remedy

Tires must be removed from the wheel to identify the heat lot number that is printed on the inside of the wheel and wheels with the affected heat lot must be replaced. Discussions are ongoing regarding whether Peterbilt or Alcoa will conduct the remedy. NHTSA will be advised if Alcoa undertakes the responsibility to conduct the recall and provide quarterly reports to NHTSA.

Identification of Recall Schedule

PACCAR anticipates that the owner notification campaign will be initiated within 30 days. The Peterbilt number for the campaign is "499B".

Very truly yours,



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